

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1, 18, 25, 34, 39, 51, and 58 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-59. Independent claims 1, 18, 25, 34, 39, 51, and 58 have been amended herein to make a minor change. Specifically, in these independent claims, one of "or" options (e.g., "discovery of a new protecting CMTS") has been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to independent claims 1, 18, 25, 34, 39, 51, and 58 do not affect the patentability of the invention over the cited art. Therefore, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-663-1100, ext. 245.

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